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ADVISORY ACTION

Applicant's amendment of 9-24-07 has been fully considered. The amended claims have overcome the previous rejection of 112/2nd paragraph, but not the 102 and 103 rejections based on **Fujimori et. al.** (EP'835 – previously cited).

Claims 10-16 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-7, 9, 17 and 18 are still pending.

Claims 1-7, 9, 17 are still rejected.

Claim 18 is still objected.

For the purpose of appeal, the amendment will be entered because it has not overcome the previous 102 and 103 rejections. However, a subsequent amendment will not be entered since it will raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-0676. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T and Th (9:00-5:30).

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